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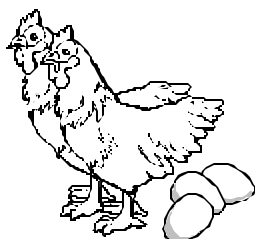
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Early week prices were lower from the previous week on all sizes. As the week progressed prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was in a full range of light to good and best where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to occasionally ample for trade needs. Central States breaking stock nest run and checks and undergrades prices were unchanged to one cent lower by the week's end. Demand was light to mostly moderate with heavy nest run offerings available. Graded loose large and extra large shell egg offerings continued adequate to mostly fully adequate with lighter weight product beginning to be offered at a heavier pace. Schedules full-time or better. Floor stocks fully sufficient. Trade sentiment steady. Demand for the light type fowl was mostly moderate with offerings fully adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	87-89	76-78	66-68
New York	50-54	48-52	44-48
Philadelphia	48-53	47-51	43-47
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	40-47	38-43	34-39
Jackson (1)	51-53	48-50	44-46
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	49-59	46-56	42-52
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	41-45	39-43	33-37
Detroit (2)	37-42	36-41	33-37
Major Ohio Cities (2)	39-43	38-41	31-35
Major Wisconsin Cities	40-47	39-45	33-38
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	59-64	56-59	52-55
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	79	74	69

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 3-May-02
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	53.05	51.17	47.18
SOUTHERN	51.52	48.76	44.40
MIDWEST	44.92	43.34	38.63
WESTERN	73.06	68.99	63.90
TWELVE METRO AREAS	58.32	55.63	51.02

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	05-07-02	04-30-02	05-08-01
Large	20-23	24-27	23-25
Medium	14-18	19-23	17-19

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 06, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO		5-Area
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.9	17.0	5.6	12.0	10.8
	Change	-0.6	2.0	-1.7	0.1	0.6
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.5	43.7	19.0	26.1	28.7
	Change	-1.1	-5.1	3.5	-0.4	-1.0
Large	Curr Wk	40.4	109.5	73.4	91.5	92.4
	Change	-18.6	-2.1	1.2	-4.8	-1.7
Medium	Curr Wk	8.6	47.8	25.0	28.3	30.5
	Change	-6.2	6.6	0.5	5.6	0.1
Small	Curr Wk	4.6	5.9	3.6	4.5	4.8
	Change	1.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	-3.3
Misc	Curr Wk	3.8	19.0	6.8	11.0	6.2
	Change	0.5	1.5	-0.6	-0.4	0.7
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.0	56.2	29.5	30.9	27.2
	Change	0.5	-4.4	2.7	0.6	-0.4
Total	Curr Wk	111.8	299.1	162.9	204.3	200.6
Percent	Change	-18%	-1%	3%	1%	-2%
TOTAL		Number of		Percent	Number of	
		Cases		Change	Cooperators	

Shell Egg	978.7	-2%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	260.0	1%	38

Total Shell Egg	1238.7	-2%	212
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1/ Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

The five inventory areas are identified as:

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO		5-AREA
NORTHEAST	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	SUMMARY
135.9	300.7	157.5	203.0	205.6	1002.7

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 04-May-02

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,253,233	28,603	12,650	6,943	3,196	4,304
PW	1,223,244	29,091	11,615	6,217	2,877	4,341
LY	1,230,921	27,008	13,284	6,902	2,935	4,313
% PW	2	-2	9	12	11	-1
% LY	2	6	-5	1	9	0
2002	20,618,470	476,916	204,537	109,907	48,953	74,214
2001	19,955,248	452,276	203,099	110,675	42,685	72,046
% YTD	3	5	1	-1	15	3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.89	41.91	41.84
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.46	38.36	38.34

FOUR ADDITIONAL STATES IN WEEKLY PROGRAM

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Apr 27	May 04	Apr 27	May 04
	Thousand			
AL	29,268	29,711	22,014	22,067
AR	30,698	29,253	24,331	24,3561
DE	3,583	3,624	*5,072	5,287
FL	2,390	2,400	2,428	2,377
GA	30,935	31,474	26,800	26,605
MD	9,803	10,060	*6,225	6,176
MS	18,097	19,020	16,111	16,001
NC	19,585	19,591	15,260	15,213
PA	*3,856	3,878	*2,856	2,715
SC	4,751	4,549	3,865	3,828
TX	15,544	15,504	12,323	12,205
VA	6,503	6,588	5,249	5,186
CA, TN, & WV	*11,390	11,396	*10,244	10,7629
15 State Total	*186,403	187,048	*152,778	152,778
Prev. Year Total	185,626	186,301	150,873	151,159
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	101	101
KY	6,292	7,045	5,639	5,713
OK	6,478	6,411	5,489	3,444
LA & MO	9,147	8,878	8,684	10,847
19 State Total	*208,320	209,382	*172,590	172,782
Revised				

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 15-Jun-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 158.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 157.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 156.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 161.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.72 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 05/02/02-05/08/02

CURRENT LDS 75.00 FUTURE LDS 60.00 TOTAL LDS 135.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	23.67	26.00	24.60	26.00	29.88	31.00	19.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	35.60	—	2.50
GL W XL	32.00	36.57	31.58	34.25	30.86	—	38.50
GL W LG	30.00	34.69	28.00	30.47	30.40	27.00	17.75
GL W MD	—	32.13	26.81	27.30	24.10	29.50	12.50
GL W SM	—	—	21.50	23.00	20.50	21.33	4.50
NRBS - 50	26.00	29.50	25.85	26.00	—	—	4.25
NRBS - 48	26.00	27.67	—	28.00	31.07	28.46	37.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	25.50	25.00	—	5.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.00	18.00	17.50	18.00	5.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 04-May-02

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT	CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	19.6	20.3	-3	0
BOSTON	3.6	3.5	3	-8
CHICAGO	42.2	42.3	0	-14
DETROIT	29.7	24.9	19	16
KANSAS CITY	6.2	2.9	114	114
LOS ANGELES	83.2	83.9	-1	-28
NEW ORLEANS	9.8	10.5	-7	33
NEW YORK	33.4	32.1	4	-11
ST. LOUIS	18.6	19.1	-3	-1
SAN FRANCISCO	21.5	21.6	0	2
TOTAL	267.8	261.1	3	-11
4 WK MVG AVG	262.0			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 04-May-2002**AVG WT FOR WEEK ENDING 27-APR-02 SHOULD HAVE READ**

	16.03	35.97	24.56	33.57	27.60
	YOUNG	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	2,006	2,733	50	6	4,795
AVG WT	16.34	34.97	25.09	27.32	27.06
LAST WEEK	1,950	2,719	67	10	4,746
SAME WK YR AGO	2,072	2,669	44	17	4,802
AVG WT	16.27	35.76	25.40	28.43	27.23
TO-DATE/2002	32,057	46,966	780	130	79,933
TO-DATE/2001	35,151	47,343	686	267	83,447

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 04-May-2002

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—				OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
THOUSAND	PCT	CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT
N EAST	797	-12	23.22	(A)	798 23.22
SATL	854	6	28.25	(A)	855 28.25
N CENT	2,237	5	29.82	(A)	2,140 29.82
S CENT	478	-1	22.73	(A)	479 22.73
WEST	423	5	22.21	(A)	424 22.21
U.S. TOTAL	4,789(B)	1	27.06	6	4,795 27.06
TO-DATE					
2002	79,803(B)			130	79,933
TO-DATE					
2001	83,180(B)			267	83,447

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 50,000 for the year 780,000; last year to date 686,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 04-May-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,800	1,946	1,543	3,489	432
AVG WT	5.05	3.54	7.94	5.49	6.61
LAST WEEK	157,688	1,948	1,368	3,316	513
SAME WK YR AGO	157,022	1,754	1,400	3,154	504
AVG WT	5.02	3.38	7.73	5.31	6.68
TO-DATE/2002	2,761,011	33,033	23,676	56,709	7,945
TO-DATE/2001	2,707,786	33,259	23,811	57,070	9,014

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.7 million head or 0.1 million head more than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 11-May-02

	CURRENT WEEK 05/11/02(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/04/02
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	164,340(2)	163,741
LT HENS	2,103	2,123
HVY HENS	1,325	1,422
TOTAL	167,768	167,286

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-May-02 is 160.0 million head compared to 159.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.7 million head or 4.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 18-May-02 the estimated available is 160.0 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
MARCH 30	147.9	155.9	95% 5.31
6	154.4	157.9	98% 5.07
APRIL 13	159.4	159.3	100% 5.10
20	160.6	160.5	100% 5.16
27	159.6	160.5	99% 5.01
MAY 4	159.7	159.6	100% 5.05
YEAR TO DATE	2635.0	2653.5	99%
MAY 11		160.0	
18		160.0	

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 05/06/02-05/11/02

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	45.00-48.00	48.40	48	50.13	86	
Los Angeles	68.00	65.53	72	63.67	139	
New York	47.00-49.00	48.59	22	52.22	52	

12-CITY COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
6-May-02	29-Apr-02	29-Apr-02	7-May-01	
55.83	1.99	53.84	59.10	

NUMBER OF LOADS 560

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/**8-16 LB HENS**

EASTERN REGION 3/	63-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	64	64.00	20
WESTERN REGION 5/	63	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	58	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	58	58	58.00	20
WESTERN REGION	58	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of

1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 6-May-02	1,866	192,567	73,974
AM 1-Apr-02	1,480	164,226	77,627
CHG	386	28341	-3653
PCT CHG	26	17	-5

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of March, 2002 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on May 1, 2002 are:

FROZEN EGGS	14	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.00 PCT
TURKS	409	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.00 PCT
POP	736	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.00 PCT

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 05/06/02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
HEAVY TYPE			
Southeast (1)	6-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9.5	8.74
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	6-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8.25-9	9.03

LIGHT TYPE

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. 05/03/02

Eastern (1)	0-0
Eastern (2)	0-0
So. Central (2)	TFEWR*
No. Central (1)	TFEWR*
No. Central (2)	0

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*TFEWR - Too Few to Report

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 04-May-02

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

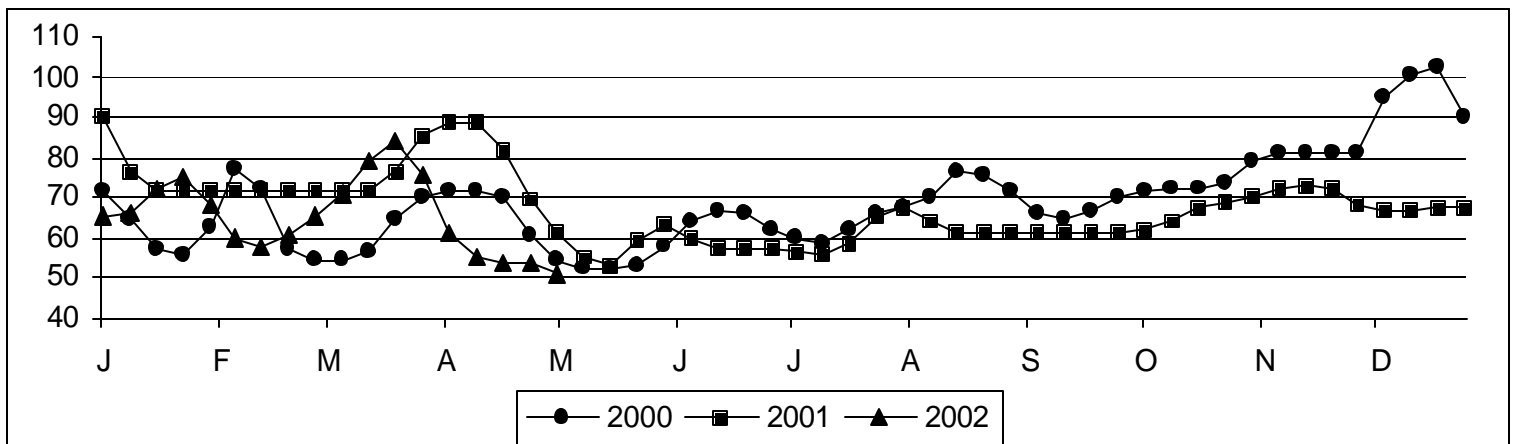
REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	218.3	-1	2
E.N. CENTRAL	446.1	-3	-4
W.N. CENTRAL	242.7	0	-12
S. ATLANTIC	123.9	-27	-9
S. CENTRAL	62.7	-22	2
WEST	153.8	-14	-18
TOTAL	1247.5	-7	-7
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		89	88

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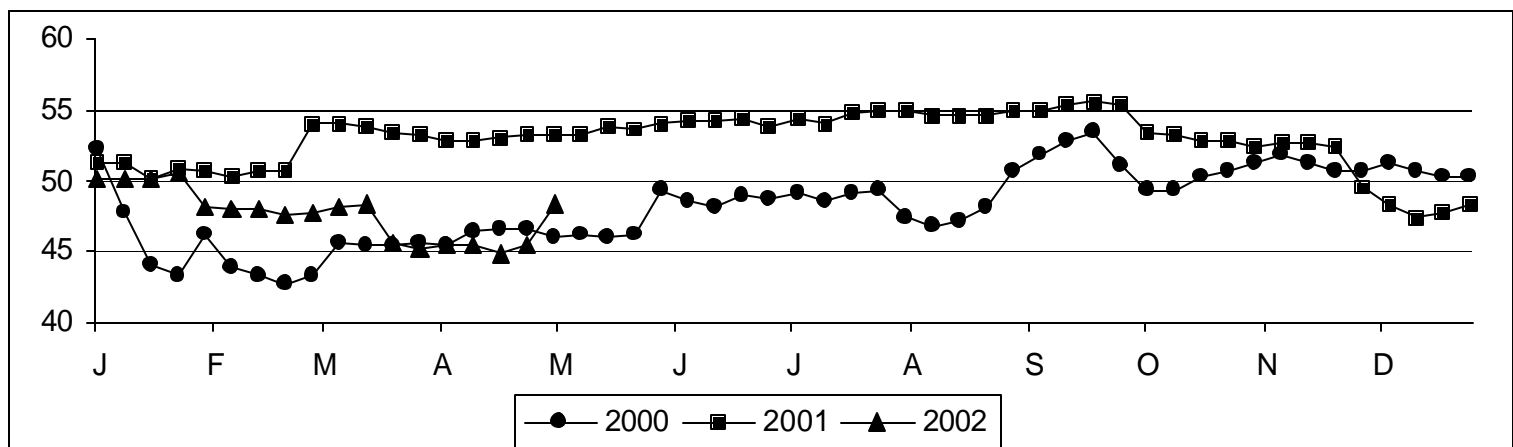
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New York Large Weekly Average Price

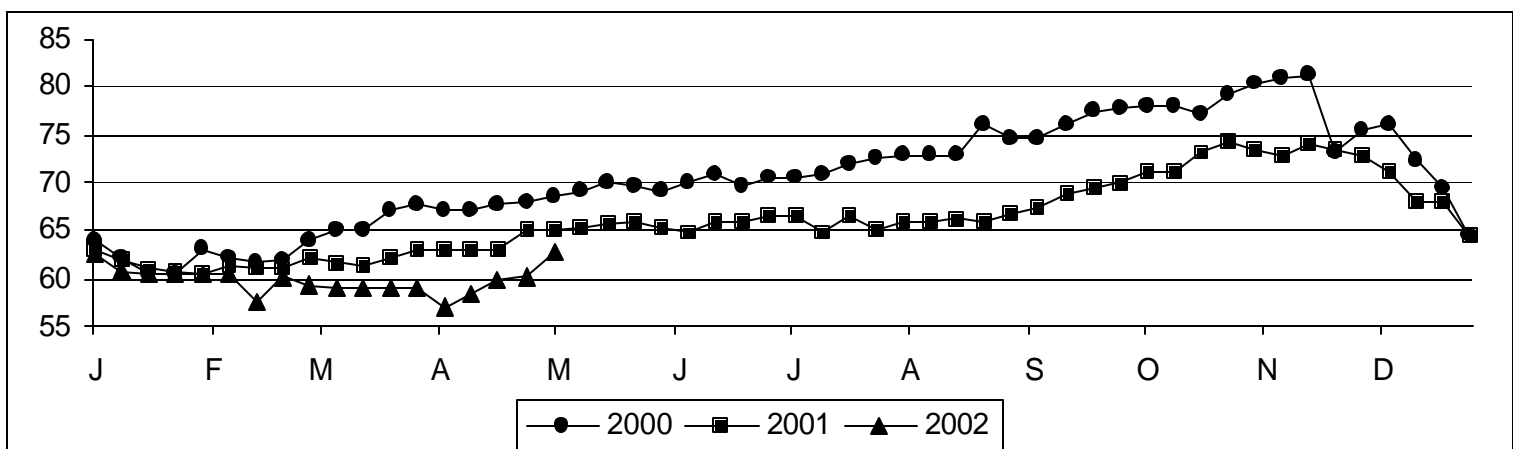
Cents per Dozen

**Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices**

Cents per Pound

**Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys**

Cents per Pound

**Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only**

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